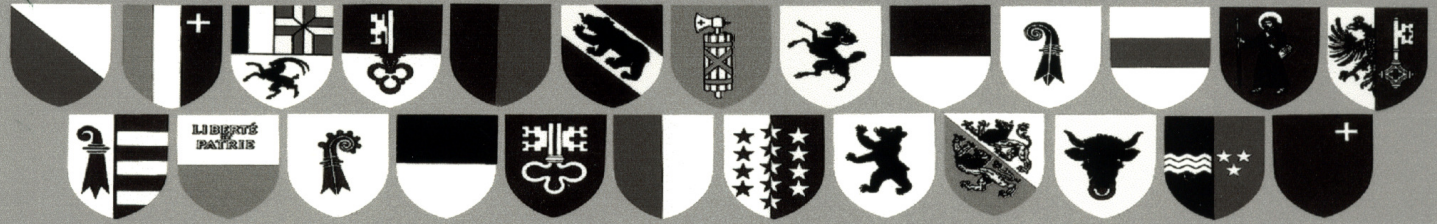


# SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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October 2011

## Special points of interest:

Oct. 28



**Fall Dinner**  
South Seattle  
Community  
College  
6:30 PM

Dec. 4



**Christmas  
Party**  
at  
Monroe Swiss  
Hall

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members:

I hope you were able to enjoy our very short summer. Now suddenly fall is here with shorter days which means we are getting ready for our annual fall dinner. More details are listed below and you will find the sign-up sheet on page 5.



A few months ago Arthur Dietrich, who lives in Bellevue, donated the German language book "Der Minister aus dem Bauernhaus" to the Swiss Society. It is the biography of Jean Hotz who was minister of trade for Switzerland during the Second World War. This book is available to interested club members.

This gave me an idea we would like to try out – a book exchange. I am sure there are other members who have interesting books that they would be willing to share. We will make these books available at our upcoming events. There will be a sign-up sheet for the book(s) you are interested in.

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## FALL DINNER

Once again we are holding our annual **Fall Dinner** at the South Seattle Community College in the **Alki Room** on **Friday, October 28.**

There is no better place to spend an evening with your friends as we head into the colder season.

Chef *Robert Houot* has put together a wonderful menu for our Club so come and join us for a delightful culinary evening.

The social hour starts at **6:30 p.m.** followed by dinner at **7:30 p.m.**

The cost is just \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members and guests. This includes the reception, dinner, beverages, tax and gratuity.

**Please send in your sign-up form no later than October 15 as seating is limited.**

(Reservation Form on page 5)

## MENU

### Appetizer

**Onion Tart with  
Mixed Green Salad  
& Vinaigrette  
Dressing**

**Beef Goulash  
with Spaetzli**

**Grand-Marnier  
Creme Brulee**



## 1st OF AUGUST RECAP

The 1<sup>st</sup> of August celebration was held on July 31, 2011 at the Edgebrook Swim and Tennis Club. A good time was had by all who joined us (about 50) and the rain stayed away. A few enjoyed a dip in the swimming pool, even though the sun was hiding.

Roland Oberholzer and Jason Richert manned the grills and made sure our Bratwurst and Cervelat were cooked to perfection. Our members provided

the delicious salads and desserts to share so that there was plenty of food to go around.

A big thank you to Margaret Aebersold who organized his event and for putting everything together. Thanks also to our grill chefs and to all who provided food and helped with set-up and clean-up. Also a thank you to Patty Richert whose membership at the Swim Club makes it possible for us to use this facility.

## FALL HIKE RECAP

A very diverse group of 15, ranging in age from 8 to 80 years, assembled on the west side of Stevens Pass. Our hike led up the steep trail to Hope Lake. The rocks near the lake provided the perfect spot for a leisurely lunch. Another half hour stroll after lunch led us to Mig Lake. Downhill was certainly easier than up and we all made it to the cabin in good spirits. Three more members joined us as we settled in around the huge kitchen table for appetizers and a glass of wine.



Then Roland Oberholzer sprang into action. He prepared a hearty Swiss dinner and we all regained our energy for the next day. Games and of course some Jass as well as social conversations filled the evening. By eleven everybody was snuggled in and apparently some snored

– I am afraid I was one of them - since I did not hear any of it.

After breakfast we all helped with clean-up to get ready for day two. This time we selected an easier hike, the Iron Goat Trail, which follows the old railroad grade and still has some interesting leftovers of the avalanche protection.

Rick Bützberger was our new hike leader and he is getting our thumbs up for a job well done. Not only did he select two nice hikes, he also provided gorgeous weather – thank you Rick.

Our thanks to Roland Oberholzer for bringing all the food and preparing our dinner and breakfast. Thanks also to all the members who brought some goodies to share. And last but not least we would like to compliment the Swiss Ski Club. We are grateful to be able to use their cabin – I hope we left it as clean as we found it.

## President's Message

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The book(s) will be available to you as soon as your name has moved to the top of the sign-up sheet.

To make this work you need to let us know what book(s) you would be willing to share, or better yet bring them along. They should be about Switzerland or by a Swiss author - we do not want to compete with the public library. Let's see if we can make this happen.

I hope to see you all at the fall dinner.

Hans Saxer

## In Memoriam Hedy Rusch

Almost exactly one year ago we had a delightful luncheon to honor Hedy Rusch at her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Hedy was in good physical health and her mental condition was just remarkable.

However in the last few months her health started to fade and on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 Hedy passed away peacefully at



her home. She enjoyed a full life in close contact with her children Heidi and Stephen, her two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Hedy and her husband Arnold joined the "Seattle Schweizer Verein" shortly after arriving here in the Northwest in 1940. With 71 years of membership she was certainly our most faithful honorary member. We will always remember Hedy as the cheerful person she was.

**News You Can Use from your Swiss Consulate in Seattle**



AHV: Effective immediately you can get your AHV Life and Civil Status Form (aka Lebensbescheinigung/ Certificat de Vie/Certificato di Vita) certified by us. Simply contact me to make an appointment. Be aware that AHV numbers changed a few years ago. I also recommend that everybody get a periodic AHV account update from the Swiss Compensation Office, Av. Edmond-Vaucher 18, P.O. Box 3100, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland. I do it about every 5 years and given the recent strength of the Swiss Franc you might be pleasantly surprised with the result!

NEW WEBSITE: A new networking site for the Swiss Abroad has been launched at [www.SwissCommunity.org](http://www.SwissCommunity.org). It lets you connect with other Swiss expats and keep current with relevant news and events. It is very cool so check it out.

PASSPORT RENEWALS: For most of us it is inconvenient to travel to San Francisco to renew our Swiss passports. You can now get your personal data collected for a biometric passport (Datenerfassung) in Switzerland or in Vancouver, B.C. However, you need to set up an appointment via the Consulate General in San Francisco at [sfr.vertretung@eda.admin.ch](mailto:sfr.vertretung@eda.admin.ch) or by calling 415-788-2272.

NEW HELPLINE: The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (EDA) has launched a global toll-free helpline: 011-41-800-24-7365. It is the one stop source for all your Swiss citizen needs in dealing with the Swiss Federal Government (Buergerservices). It is currently staffed during Swiss business hours and will be available 24 hours a day starting in 2012.

SWISS ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 23: Do not forget to vote in the upcoming Swiss election. All members of parliament are getting elected: Nationalrat and Staenderat. This is where the political party landscape is determined for the next 4 years.

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**Tacoma Swiss Society**  
**Events 2011**  
	November 12	
	Rippli Dinner/ Enzian	
	Concert	
	For information call the	
	Tacoma Swiss Society -	
	Joe & Louise Hospenthal at	
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**Monroe Swiss Colony**  
	October 8 Dance	
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**The Art of “Schwingen”**

As you probably know, Schwingen is a very unique style of wrestling that has been practiced in Switzerland since the Middle Ages. It has experienced a renaissance in the last few years. For years the Tacoma Swiss have held their annual Schwingfest. But now finally Schwingen reached Seattle in the form of an art show and a movie.

About twenty members assembled at the Eidelaer Picture Club to view the paintings of Fiona McGuigan. Fiona grew up in Switzerland and has painted many types of human figures. What is unique is her depiction of Schwinger – action; a series of large and small paintings showing the intensity and force of this sport.



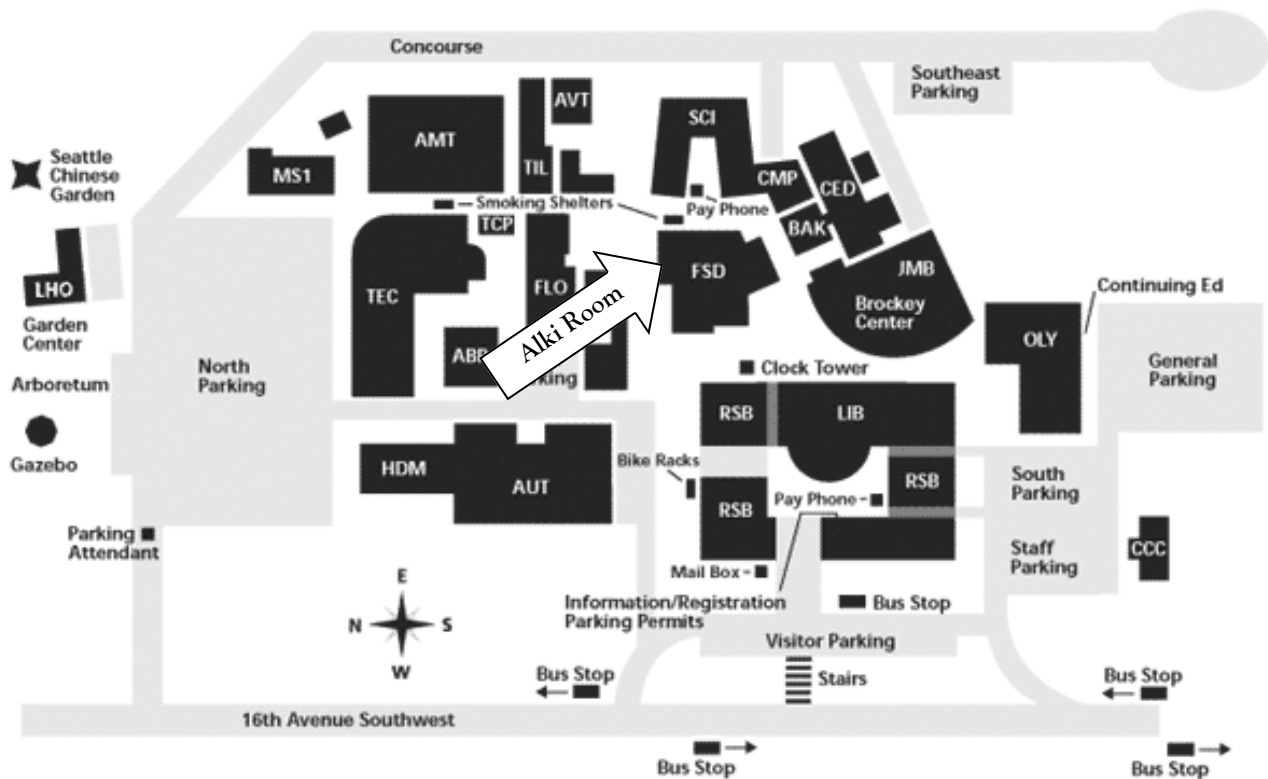
After enjoying appetizers (prepared by Roland Oberholzer) and a drink, we settled down to watch a movie about the training preparation and the matches of the Schweizer Schwingfest. Watching this movie provided a new perspective and better understanding when we viewed

**From the Publisher’s Desk**

Do you have any news, information, thoughts or ideas that you would like to share with other members of the Club? Please contact your publisher/editor, Hanna LeMaster at [lemaster22@gmail.com](mailto:lemaster22@gmail.com) or (360) 455-8376.

*For more information on our Club, please check out our website at:*  
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## DIRECTIONS TO SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### From north or southbound I-5 or southbound Route 99

- Take West Seattle bridge exit from I-5 or Route 99.
- Take the Delridge Way S.W. exit.
- At third light, turn left onto S.W. Oregon Street.
- Take arterial to top of hill, veering right onto 21<sup>st</sup> Ave S.W.
- Stay on arterial as it winds up hill and turns into 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W.
- Follow 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W. south for ¼ mile to SSCC campus.

### From south suburbs

- At Southcenter interchange of I-5 and I-405, exit to Highway 518 westbound.
- Exit to northbound Highway 509 at Burien interchange.
- Take the Cloverdale/South Park exit (do not cross First Ave S. bridge).
- Turn left at light onto S.W. Cloverdale Street and drive up the hill.
- Get in the righthand lane and veer right at light onto Olson Place S.W.
- Stay in right lane and veer right onto S.W. Roxbury.
- Turn right at 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W. and drive north for about 2 miles; or
- From Burien, drive north for six miles, beginning on Ambaum Blvd. S.W.
- Ambaum becomes 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W. at 116<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.

### Michigan-Corson exit off I-5, north or southbound

- Take Michigan-Corson exit.
- Turn right onto South Michigan St.
- Follow Michigan to First Ave South bridge, taking ramp onto bridge.
- Take FIRST exit – West Marginal Way/South Seattle Community College.
- Turn right on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.W.
- Turn left on West Marginal Way S.W.
- Turn left on Highland Park Way
- Go up Highland Park Way to top of hill.
- Take first right turn onto S.W. Holden Street.
- Turn right onto 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W., follow north one mile to SSCC campus.

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#### Jazz Lessons Anyone?



If you are interested, please contact Patty Richert at (425) 444-7672 or [pattyrichert@gmail.com](mailto:pattyrichert@gmail.com).

#### **Save the Dates:**

**Christmas Party**  
*December 4*



**General Meeting**  
*Late January, 2012*

### FALL DINNER RESERVATION FORM - OCTOBER 28, 2011

(Due October 15, 2011)

Number of members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-members or guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of check:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you would like them to appear on the name tag:

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Please mail this form together with your check made out to the SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY to:

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**No later than October 15, 2011, please!**

